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Ms. Dixon:

¹ [To say the DOE is high handed, unfortunately, is heartbreakingly inadequate as a characterization. Despite all attempts from Nevadans, the Union of Concerned Scientists, and others of appropriate caution and awe in their opposition to the Yucca Mountain project, not only has DOE persisted in its one-track attempt to railroad this insane project through, but has been so blindly power-hungry that it seems bent on teaching "the opposition" a lesson.

I would humbly submit that all your power-mad conniving, blindness, and deafness regarding this issue defy any rational person's imagination. How can you be trusted to make decisions when your ilk are the same high-handed people who used Nevadans as guinea pigs? Nevadans have not only done their share, but have died for your ignorance regarding the use/handling of radioactivity. What has changed? Now, instead of only bringing danger to people of the west, you threaten to put this storage area in a fault-zone with potential leakage into the Colorado River, and you expect us to believe that you are all-wise and godlike in your ability to predict and monitor the fate of this storage for many thousands of years. I refer you to Barbara Tuchman's most meaningful essay "On Woodenheadedness in Government."

² [You blithely threaten the fate of mankind with this storage, not to mention that you run over the rights of millions of Americans to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" by your interstate transport of plutonium. Furthermore, after all your propoganda and errors, you can not guarantee that there will be no accidents, no matter how much you engage in wishful thinking. Certainly you made your first crucial error when you promised to transport waste at the time you

"sold" the generation sites on nuclear energy. You have such a long history of compounding your errors out of your own egomania that you would be laughable if not threatening the future of the planet.

- ³ [Why not simply admit you made a mistake, and that it is sounder policy to retain the waste where it was/is generated and monitor it over time, praying always for the humility to succeed in that task. Yes, you'd take heat; it might even cause lawsuits. Isn't it better to admit a problem up front than to go on blindly compounding the mess that was caused by the original error in judgment? That would be the humane, noble thing to do.]

Who cares about the impact of plutonium storage at Yucca Mountain? My children and the children of all of us unto the thousandth generation. Grow up, admit your policy flaws, and stop this insanity.



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